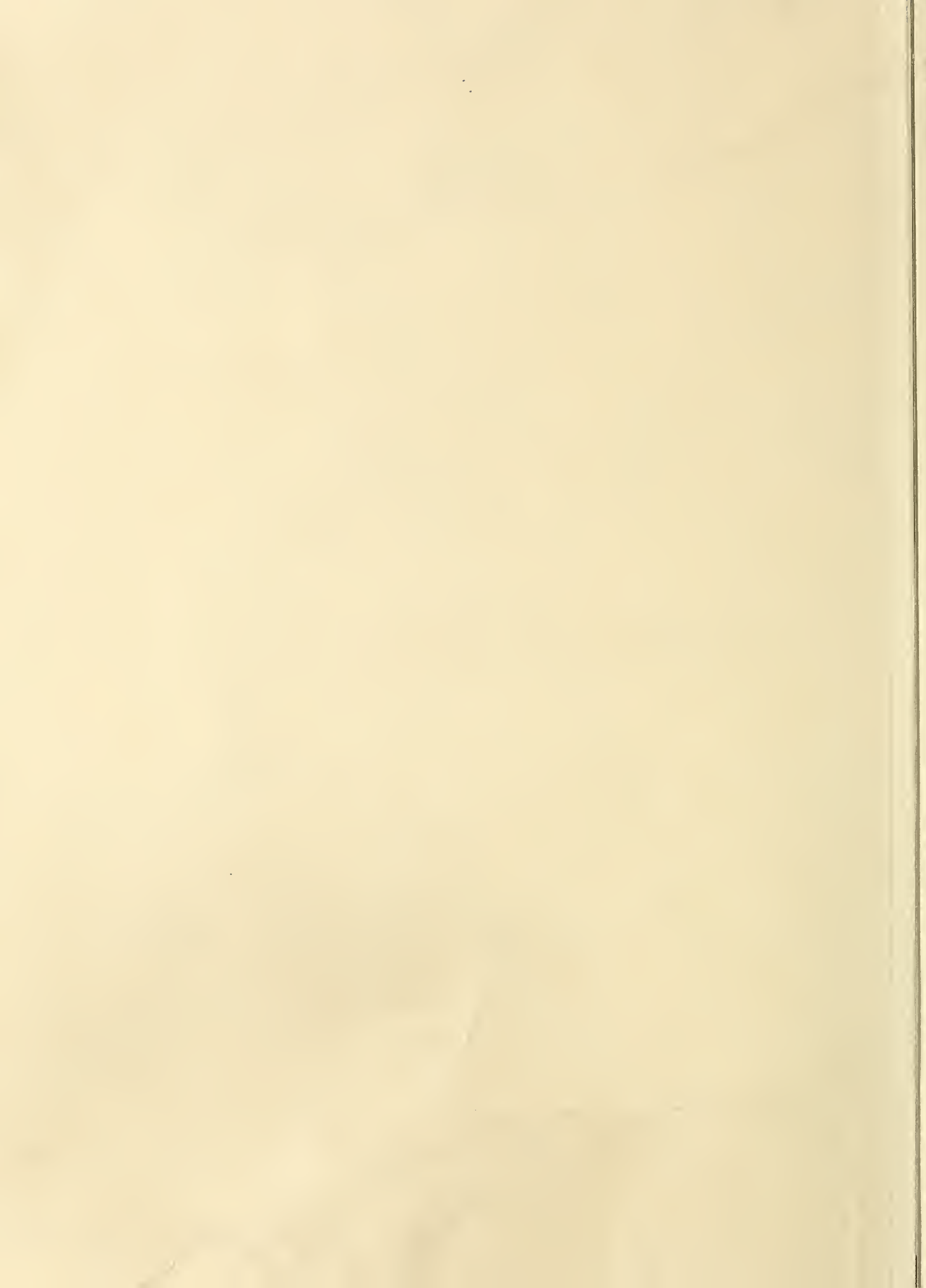


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TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARDS AND WEIGHT CLASSES
FOR CONSUMER GRADES FOR SHELL EGGS

Tentative U. S. Consumer Grades for Shell Eggs

U. S. CONSUMER GRADE AA - Shall consist of eggs of which at least 80% are U. S. Grade AA, 10% are U. S. Grade A or better and the balance are U. S. Grade B, except for a permitted tolerance of eighteen eggs per thirty dozen that may be of the quality of U. S. Grade C, U. S. Light Dirty or U. S. Check or better and of which not more than three eggs may contain small meat spots or blood clots.

U. S. CONSUMER GRADE A - Shall consist of eggs of which at least 80% are U. S. Grade A or better and the balance are U. S. Grade B, except for a permitted tolerance of eighteen eggs per thirty dozen that may be of the quality of U. S. Grade C, U. S. Light Dirty or U. S. Check or better and of which not more than three eggs may contain small meat spots or blood clots.

U. S. CONSUMER GRADE B - Shall consist of eggs of which at least 80% are U. S. Grade B or better and the balance are U. S. Grade C, or U. S. Light Dirty, except for a permitted tolerance of thirty-six eggs per thirty dozen of the quality of U. S. Dirty or U. S. Check or better of which not more than five eggs may contain small meat spots or blood clots.

U. S. CONSUMER GRADE C - Shall consist of eggs of which at least 80% are U. S. Grade C or U. S. Light Dirty or better and the balance are U. S. Check or U. S. Dirty.

Tentative U. S. Weight Classes for Consumer Grades for Shell Eggs

Size or Weight Class	Minimum Net Weight per Dozen(Ounces)	Minimum Net Weight per 30 Dozen(Pounds)	Minimum Weight for Individual Eggs at Rate per Dozen(Ounces)
JUMBO	28	52	27
EXTRA LARGE	26	48½	25
LARGE	24	45	23
MEDIUM	21	40	20
SMALL	18	34	15

These Tentative U. S. Standards and Weight Classes for Consumer Grades for Shell Eggs supersede, effective December 23, 1942, all U. S. Standards and Weight Classes for Retail or Consumer Grades of Shell Eggs previously issued.

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SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE U. S. CONSUMER GRADES FOR SHELL EGGS

U. S. Consumer Grade	U. S. Grade AA (minimum percentage).	U. S. Grade A or better (minimum percentage).	U. S. Grade B or better (minimum percentage).	U. S. Grade C or U. S. Dirty or better.	U. S. Check or U. S. Dirty	Maximum number of eggs allowed as tolerance per thirty dozen.
U. S. Grade AA	80	10	Balance	U. S. Grade C, U. S. Light Dirty or U. S. Check or better	U. S. Check or U. S. Dirty or better	U. S. Check or U. S. Dirty or better
U. S. Grade A		80	Balance	18 (5%) including not more than 3 (.8%) eggs with small meat spots or small blood clots.		
U. S. Grade B			80	18 (5%) including not more than 3 (.8%) eggs with small meat spots or small blood clots.		36 (10%) including not more than 5 (1.4%) eggs with small meat spots or small blood clots
U. S. Grade C				Balance	Balance	